

Governance Council  
February 28, 2018  
Minutes

Present: Gary Marks, Kevin Martus, Phoebe Jackson, Venkat Sharma, LaShauna Dean, Gina Guerrieri, Susan Godar,

1. K. Martus and G. Marks gave an update to the committee about the By-Law and Constitution Amendments that they introduced to the Faculty Senate on February 27, 2018. Marks explained that the two proposals for the By-Laws were voted on and passed by the Senate. The Constitutional Amendment was put forth to the Faculty Senate. For it to be finalized, it must be voted on in a follow-up meeting at the Faculty Senate. Once the By-Laws and the Constitutional Amendment are officially passed M. Chabayta will make the necessary revisions to the By-Laws and Constitution.

2. The committee discussed the By-Law Amendment Procedure and voted on the following change: "any motions to alter a properly supported amendment will require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Senate voting membership." By adhering to a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> affirmative vote, the By-Laws would be consistent with the Constitution rules. The committee unanimously approved the By-Law amendment procedure.

3. The committee discussed our newest charge to set possible term limits for the following committees: Promotions, UFRAC, ART, Sabbatical & Prof Staff Promotions Committees. After a brief discussion, the Governance Council agreed that we see no conflict with the current university policy. The Governance Council realized that such a change like term limits is really under the purview of the Elections Council who are responsible for the election rules and manuals. Changing the rules by suggesting possible term limits would directly affect procedures set up by the Elections Council. If term limits were proposed, the Election Council would need to come up with the appropriate procedure of how that would take place. The committee unanimously agreed that the Governance Council could not set up and decide term limits, but it must be taken up by the Elections Council. The Governance Council will send the charge of determining term limits back to the Executive Council.

4. The committee continued their discussion at the request of the Executive Council to research and recommend policy for committee composition specifically for Department Faculty Range Adjustment (DFRAC). There is a policy for Promotions but not for DFRAC. The committee agreed that the policies for Promotion, DFRAC, and DAC should all comport with one another. The discussion was tabled and will be continued at the next Governance Council meeting.

5. The next Governance Council meeting will convene in the Faculty Senate seminar room on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe Jackson